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SUBJECT: BRUSSELS MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
PARTIES, JUNE 13-16, 1977

SUMMARY: MEETING PRODUCED NO SURPRISES, AVOIDED DIFFICULT
ISSUES, AND WAS LARGELY OVERTLY A NON-EVENT. END SUMMARY

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF 17 COMMUNIST PARTIES FROM WESTERN
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EUROPEAN, "CAPITALIST" STATES MET IN BRUSSELS FOR A THREE
DAY MEETING. THEIR STATED PURPOSE WAS TO "EXCHANGE
OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES ON THE STRUGGLES OF THE WORKING
CLASS FOR ITS CLAIMS AND FOR THE PROFOUND DEMOCRATIC
TRANSFORMATION NECESSARY TO OVERCOME THE CRISIS WHICH
HAS AFFECTED ALLCAPITALIST COUNTRIES." MEETING WAS
A FOLLOWUP TO JANUARY, 1974 BRUSSELS MEETING AND WORKING

SESSIONS HELD IN PARIS, DECEMBER, 1975, AND BRUSSELS,
MARCH, 1976.

2. MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY BELGIAN CP LEADER, LOUIS
VAN GEYT. HE BRIEFED THE PRESS THAT AMONG TOPICS
DISCUSSED WERE INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, LACK OF JOBS
FOR YOUTHS, CONDITIONS OF WORK, QUALITY OF LIFE,
HOW TO DEFEND DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS WHICH ARE UNDER ATTACK
IN A NUMBER OF (UNSPECIFIED) COUNTRIES AND EMPLOYMENT
SECURITY. VAN GEYT CONCLUDED THAT THE MEETING HAD
CONTRIBUTED TO REINFORCE THE PARTICIPANTS' TIES AND THAT
THE PARTICIPANTS HAD STRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN
DEVELOPING COOPERATION BETWEEN THEMSELVES IN ALL WAYS.

3. VAN GEYT REPLIED "CERTAINLY NOT" TO A QUESTION ON
WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN A DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING
SOME SORT OF INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK BETWEEN THE CP'S
OF EUROPEAN "CAPITALIST" STATES. HE ALSO SAID, IN
REPLY TO QUESTIONS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
"SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES
AND A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED
AS THE MEETING WAS LIMITED TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE WORKING
CLASS. CHAMBERS

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